

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 18, 2006 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action.

Claim 29 is amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Support for amendments is found at least on page 14 line 28 – page 15 line 3 of the present specification. Claims 1-28, 39-42, and 46-53 are cancelled without prejudice. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested because the amendments place the application in better condition for appeal, do not contain new matter, and do not raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration.

Claims 29-38 and 43-45 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-40 and 43-52 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the publication “Network Working Group,” March 1999 by Handley et al. (Handley). The rejection of claims 1-28, 39, 40 and 46-53 are moot in light of the cancellation of these claims.

Claim 29, from which claims 30-38 and 43-45 depend, recites a network control element, wherein, during a subscriber equipment terminated call, the network control element is adapted to send a session invitation message to the subscriber equipment, the session invitation message including authentication information wherein the network control element is further adapted determine whether it has to perform a verification of

the authentication. In case the network control element does not have to perform the verification, to forward a scheduled result (AuthResp) to a second network control element by including the scheduled result into the session invitation message. In case the network control element has to perform the verification, receive the scheduled result (AuthResp) from another network control element, wherein the scheduled result is included in the session invitation message, extract the scheduled result (AuthResp) from the session invitation message and forward the session invitation message without the scheduled result (AuthResp) to the subscriber equipment, and verify the authentication result (AuthData2) with a scheduled result (AuthResp).

Handley relates to session initiation protocol (SIP). Handley disclose that SIP invitations used to create sessions carry session descriptions which allow participants to agree on a set of compatible media types. SIP supports user mobility by proxying and redirecting requests to the user's current location.

Applicants respectfully submit that Handley fails to mention, disclose or suggest at least the features of the network control element further adapted to determine whether it has to perform a verification of the authentication, and if a verification is not to be performed, forward a scheduled result (AuthResp) to a second network control element by including the scheduled result into the session invitation message, and if a verification is to be performed, receive the scheduled result (AuthResp) from another network control element, wherein the scheduled result is included in the session invitation message, and to extract the scheduled result (AuthResp) from the session invitation message and to

forward the session invitation message without the scheduled result (AuthResp) to the subscriber equipment, and to verify the authentication result (AuthData2) with a scheduled result (AuthResp), as recited in claim 29.

Applicants respectfully submit that because claims 30-38 and 43-45 depend from claim 29, these claims are allowable at least for the same reasons as claim 29. Further, Applicants submit that the cited reference fails to disclose all of the features of these dependent claims.

Based at least on the above, Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 29-38 and 43-45 recite features that are neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited references. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 29-38 and 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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